

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
OFFICIAL MINUTES – OCTOBER 17, 2023

THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MET ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023, AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE HISTORIC ELLIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM (2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR) 101 W. MAIN STREET, WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED, TO-WIT:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE

COUNTY CLERK KRystal VALDEZ

PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER RANDY STINSON

PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER LANE GRAYSON

PRECINCT 3 COMMISSIONER PAUL PERRY

PRECINCT 4 COMMISSIONER KYLE BUTLER

**OPENING COURT:**

COUNTY JUDGE CALLS MEETING TO ORDER, DECLARES QUORUM AND DECLARES NOTICES LEGALLY POSTED PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

MOTION TO OPEN COURT BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. – *PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER RANDY STINSON*

**CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTE ORDER 467.23**

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- A1 APPROVING REGULAR BILLS, PAYROLL AND OFFICER'S REPORTS. – *COUNTY TREASURER CHERYL CHAMBERS*
- A2 APPROVING OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 3, 2023. – *COUNTY CLERK KRystal VALDEZ*
- A3 ACCEPTING THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1 MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1, HON. CHRIS MACON*
- A4 ACCEPTING THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2 MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2, HON. JACKIE MILLER, JR*
- A5 ACCEPTING THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4 MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4, HON. LOUIS PONDER*
- A6 ACCEPTING OF A TABULATED REPORT OF THE COUNTY'S RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS FROM SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 1, 2023, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.024. – *FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR STACI PARR*
- A7 ACCEPTING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 23, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ALBERTO MARES*

- A8 APPROVING TO AMEND RESOLUTION ASSIGNING PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND AUTHORITY TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ON BEHALF OF THE NORTH CENTRAL HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION FROM THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000,000.00 TO \$54,000,000.00; REFERENCE MINUTE ORDER #367.23. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*
- A9 APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ELLIS AND THE CITY OF GARRETT, PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT, CHAPTER 791 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. – *PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER LANE GRAYSON*
- A10 APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ELLIS AND THE CITY OF ENNIS, PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT, CHAPTER 791 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. – *PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER LANE GRAYSON*
- A11 APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ELLIS AND THE AVALON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT, CHAPTER 791 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. – *PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER LANE GRAYSON*

**FINANCIAL:**

- F1 ACCEPTING OF FUNDS FROM THE SALE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY TO ONCOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,020.00 AS UNANTICIPATED REVENUE. REQUEST SPECIAL BUDGET FOR UNANTICIPATED REVENUE:
- INCREASE 018-0908-507020 (BUILDING REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS) BY \$92,020.00
- PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §111.0108, UNANTICIPATED REVENUE CERTIFIED BY COUNTY AUDITOR. – *FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR STACI PARR*
- F2 ACCEPTING OF FUNDS FROM THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR A VACCINE HUB EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,304.89 AS UNANTICIPATED REVENUE. REQUEST SPECIAL BUDGET FOR UNANTICIPATED REVENUE:
- INCREASE 018-0908-507020 (BUILDING REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS) BY \$29,304.89
- PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §111.0108, UNANTICIPATED REVENUE CERTIFIED BY COUNTY AUDITOR. – *FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR STACI PARR*
- F3 FY2023 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR STACI PARR*  
 DECREASE 001-0030-508020 (EQUIPMENT) BY \$2,500.00  
 DECREASE 001-0030-508050 (CONFERENCE) BY \$300.00  
 INCREASE 001-0030-508030 (FURNITURE) BY \$200.00  
 INCREASE 001-0030-505500 (LONGEVITY) BY \$500.00  
 INCREASE 001-0030-507030 (TELEPHONE) BY \$600.00  
 INCREASE 001-0030-508350 (TRAINING) BY \$1,500.00
- F4 FY2023 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *FIRE MARSHAL TIM BIRDWELL*  
 DECREASE 001-0450-508020 (EQUIPMENT) BY \$400.00  
 INCREASE 001-0450-508080 (AUTO GAS) BY \$400.00
- F5 FY2023 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER LANE GRAYSON*  
 DECREASE 010-0653-509080 (FM2 LUMBER) BY \$6,000.00  
 INCREASE 010-0653-509090 (FM2 REPAIRS PARTS) BY \$3,000.00  
 INCREASE 010-0653-509180 (FM2 HARDWARE/TOOLS) BY \$3,000.00
- F6 FY2023 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *TAX COLLECTOR RICHARD ROZIER*  
 DECREASE 001-0370-508010 (SUPPLIES) BY \$1,300.00  
 INCREASE 001-0370-508040 (POSTAGE) BY \$1,300.00

- F7 FY2023 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *COUNTY TREASURER CHERYL CHAMBERS*  
DECREASE 001-0400-508190 (COMPUTER) BY \$136.00  
INCREASE 001-0400-506010 (TRAVEL) BY \$136.00
- F8 FY2023 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *PRECINCT 2 CONSTABLE CASEY BORDERS*  
DECREASE 001-0612-508010 (SUPPLIES) BY \$2,455.42  
DECREASE 001-0612-508190 (COMPUTER EQUIPMENT) BY \$327.39  
INCREASE 001-0612-508020 (EQUIPMENT) BY \$2,782.81
- F9 FY2023 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*  
DECREASE 001-0140-505580 (CONTINGENCIES/RESERVE) BY \$2,250.00  
INCREASE 001-0425-505030 (CERTIFICATION PAY) BY \$2,250.00

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

**REGULAR AGENDA – DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTE ORDER 468.23** (1.1) APPROVING A PLAT OF SHAW BURGESS ADDITION, LOTS R1 & R2, BEING A REPLAT OF SHAW BURGESS, LOTS 1 & 2. THE ± 13.82 ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 535 FEET WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF WILSON ROAD AND BOYCE ROAD, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF PALMER, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 1.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 469.23** (1.2) APPROVING A PLAT OF TAMEZ COFFEE ADDITION, LOTS 7B1 & 7B2, BEING A REPLAT OF GREEN ACRES NORTH, LOT 7B. THE ± 2.82 ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 510 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF COFFEE ROAD AND FM 878, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF PALMER, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT No. 1.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 470.23** (1.3) APPROVING A PLAT OF 419 BRAZIER ADDITION, BEING A REPLAT OF ENSIGN ESTATES, LOTS 5A. THE ± 4.956 ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 1,450 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF BRAZIER ROAD AND BURNHAM SQUARE ROAD, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT No. 2.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 471.23** (1.4) APPROVING TO RATIFY THE ACTION ON A PLAT OF NASH ADDITION. THE ± 9.797 ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 1,395 FEET WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF KIRKPATRICK ROAD AND HWY. 34, SITUATED IN THE A. DE LA GARZA SURVEY, ABSTRACT No. 2, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL

JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 2, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- DEDICATE 10 FEET OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR KIRKPATRICK ROAD TO COMPLY WITH THE THOROUGHFARE PLAN.
- UPDATE THE METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION TO MATCH THE PLAT DRAWING.
- UPDATE THE FEMA INFORMATION ON THE PLAT.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 472.23** (1.5) APPROVING TO RATIFY THE ACTION ON A PLAT OF NEWMAN ADDITION. THE ± 1.305 ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 1,260 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF BRAZIER ROAD AND BURNHAM SQUARE ROAD, SITUATED IN THE A. GONSABA SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 381, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 2.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 473.23** (1.6) APPROVING A PLAT OF RICHARDSON'S ADDITION LOTS 2R-A & 2R-B, BEING A REPLAT OF RICHARDSON'S ADDITION, LOT 2. THE ± 7.754 ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 1,600 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF CODY ROAD AND OLD TELICO ROAD, ENNIS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 2, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITION:

- DEDICATE AT LEAST FIVE (5) FEET OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG CODY ROAD PRIOR TO THE FILING OF THE PLAT.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 474.23** (1.7) APPROVING TO RATIFY A PLAT OF TELLO ESTATES. THE ± 3.454 ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 995 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF OLD TELICO ROAD AND CODY ROAD, SITUATED IN THE A GARZA SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 2, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 2.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 475.23** (1.8) APPROVING A REQUEST OF A VARIANCE TO SECTION II (A) & (O), VOLUME III (STANDARD CONSTRUCTION DETAILS) TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED NEWSTONE COURT EXTENSION BELOW THE MINIMUM PAVEMENT, SUBGRADE, DRAINAGE, AND PRIVATE SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS NEAR 220 & 221 NEWSTONE COURT – A PRIVATE ROAD. THE ± 7.184 ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 255 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF NEWSTONE COURT & GREYSTONE TERRACE, MIDLOTHIAN, ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 3, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF NEWSTONE COURT (APPROX. 330 FEET) SHALL BE DESIGNED AND BUILT TO BE 22 FEET WIDE.
- THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF NEWSTONE COURT SHALL CONFORM TO ALL CURRENT COUNTY ROAD STANDARDS.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 476.23** (1.9) APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF MM TRACT. THE ± 1.70 ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 1,275 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF PATRICK ROAD AND O'BRIEN ROAD, SITUATED IN THE CARTER H. HURST SURVEY, ABSTRACT No. 456, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT No. 4.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 477.23** (1.10) APPROVING TO AMEND THE COUNTY'S FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDER, LAST ADOPTED ON JUNE 3, 2013, UNDER MINUTE ORDER No. 182.13. THESE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS PRIMARILY ADDRESS: (1) ADOPTING NEW FEMA FLOOD MAPS TO CONTINUE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP), (2) ESTABLISHING EXPIRATION DATES ON PERMITS, (3) ESTABLISHING UPDATED INTERPRETATION, PERMITTING, VARIANCE & FLOOD STUDY PROCEDURES ALONG WITH OTHER CHANGES IN RELATED ARTICLES, SECTIONS, AND PARAGRAPHS, AND ANY OTHER RELATED ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND CHANGES, PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE TO SECTION IV (B)(12) TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) NO PRIOR NOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED IF:
- (I) THERE IS AN ACTIVE PERMIT APPLICATION ON THE PROPERTY OR,
  - (II) A PUBLIC FLOOD-TYPE EMERGENCY AS DETERMINED BY THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR OCCURS.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

## **PURCHASING**

**MINUTE ORDER 478.23** (2.1) APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF HARDWARE FOR THE PALO ALTO FIREWALL EQUIPMENT REFRESH FROM SAFARI MICRO FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$164,322.24, PLUS UP TO \$3,500 FOR SHIPPING, USING DIR-CPO-4846 FOR A PROJECT APPROVED IN THE FY2023-2024 BUDGET.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 479.23** (2.2) APPROVING TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH T.F.R. ENTERPRISES, INC. (PRIMARY) AND CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. (SECONDARY) FOR RFP-2023-002 DEBRIS REMOVAL. NO FUNDS WILL BE EXPENDED UNLESS THERE IS AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 480.23** (2.3) APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #PCO #008 TO THE ROGERS-O'BRIEN CONTRACT (MINUTE ORDER 255.23) FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SEWER GUT-LINES WITH NEW SEWER LINES FROM FIVE (5) FEET OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING TO THE EXISTING MANHOLE AT ELLIS COUNTY CENTRAL IN AN AMOUNT OF \$58,634.00.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 481.23** (2.4) APPROVING FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN NATIONAL LEASING TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2023 FORD F-150 POLICE RESPONDER XL 4WD SUPERCREW IN AN AMOUNT OF \$69,960.00 FROM ROCKDALE COUNTRY FORD USING BUYBOARD COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #601-19 FOR THE ELLIS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 482.23** (2.5) APPROVING TO GRANT AN EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 262.024(1), LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, FROM THE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 262.023, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 FORD F-350 SERVICE BODY TRUCK. ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 2.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 483.23** (2.6) APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 FORD F-350 SERVICE BODY TRUCK FROM CENTURY TRUCK AND VANS IN AN AMOUNT OF \$86,326.94.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 484.23** (2.7) APPROVING TO SOLICIT A REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ) FOR A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER OR ENGINEERING FIRM TO REVIEW THE COUNTY'S FLOOD STUDY.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

**MINUTE ORDER 485.23** (3.1) APPROVING TO AWARD COUNTY-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) OF ELLIS COUNTY THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FOR FY24 YEARLY SERVICES. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 486.23** (3.2) APPROVING OF AN ANNUAL RESOLUTION FOR A GRANT TO MEALS ON WHEELS, NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,230.50 TO PROVIDE HOME-DELIVERED MEALS TO HOMEBOUND ELLIS COUNTY RESIDENTS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 487.23** (3.3) APPROVING FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION FOR THE FY2024 INDIGENT DEFENSE PROGRAM. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 488.23** (3.4) APPROVING CSCD TO PAY FOR SERVICES RENDERED FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE EVALUATION, TREATMENT AND EDUCATION SERVICES BY THE POLO GROUP, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,000.00. – *CSCD DIRECTOR HECTOR VERDIN*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 489.23** (3.5) APPROVING OF THE ANNUAL PAYMENT TO THE TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TCDRS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 TO BUY-DOWN COUNTY LIABILITY. PAYMENT WILL COME FROM GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT #001-0140-505540 AND WAS INCLUDED IN THE FY24 BUDGET. – *HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR THERESA TAYLOR*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 490.23** (3.6) APPROVING FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO AMEND THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH STERICYCLE TO ADD ONE (1) ADDITIONAL CONSOLE. – *COUNTY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANN MONTGOMERY*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 491.23** (3.7) APPROVING TO RECLASSIFY THE ASSISTANT AUDITOR – INTERNAL AUDIT POSITION TO ASSISTANT AUDITOR - FINANCIAL. NO INCREASE OF FUNDING IS REQUESTED, AND THE REQUEST WILL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON APPROVAL. – *FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR STACI PARR*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY JUDGE LITTLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** **3:00 P.M.**

MOTION TO RECESS BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ELLIS COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT ANY TIME DURING THE COURSE OF THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE MATTERS LISTED IN THIS AGENDA, IN THE ORDER DEEMED APPROPRIATE, AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551, OR TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEY AND/OR OTHER ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING ELLIS COUNTY ON ANY MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 551 OR AS OTHERWISE MAY BE PERMITTED UNDER 551.

- 4.1 PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071(1), CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE.
- 4.2 PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071(1), CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION CONCERNING TCEQ MATTERS, SPECIFICALLY PENDING TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEMS PERMITS (TPDES) AND PENDING PETITIONS FOR THE CREATION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS (MUDs).

**RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION** **4:17 P.M.**

MOTION TO RECONVENE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**NO ACTION** (3.8) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION ON A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

**ADJOURNMENT** **4:18 P.M.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON OCTOBER 17, 2023,  
ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

  
TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE

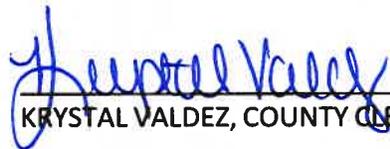
  
RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 1

  
PAUL PERRY, COMMISSIONER, PCT 3

  
LANE GRAYSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 2

  
KYLE BUTLER, COMMISSIONER, PCT 4

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

  
KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK

